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Attention: Mr. Joe White
Director, Aircraft Systems Engineering

Subject: Fire Protection of Electrical System Components on Transport Category Airplane-
Proposed Airworthiness Standards

Reference: (1) ATA Memo 01-AE-050
(2) ATA Memo 01-AE-051

Dear Mr. White,

The reference ATA Memo advised of and requested comments on the subject proposed rule that will require U.S. manufacturers of aircraft electrical system components used throughout the aircraft (including engines) to comply with the more stringent requirements of JAR 25.869(a) if they plan to sell them overseas. It would require that insulation on electrical wire and cables installed in any part of the airplane must be self-extinguishing. Because the proposed standard is currently being followed, we believe the impact would be minimal. We concur with the contents of the proposed rule and have no additional comments.

Sincerely,

J. M. Gay
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Chief Engineer

cc: Clay Satterlee, United Airlines - SFOEG